

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

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Spot welding is used for the welding between the mask body 13 and the frame 14. As shown in FIG. 3, a plurality of concave portions 24 are formed at least on the inner surface of the skirt portion 13b at the positions of the welding points 19. These concave portions 24 are each formed like a dimple having a smaller area than the area of the end surface of the pressing-side electrode of the welding device which will be described later, and are also formed over a larger area than the area of the end surface of the pressing-side electrode.

Alternatively, a plurality of convex portions 24' may be formed on at least the inner surface of the skirt portion 13b as shown in phantom in Figure 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

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As shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, a cylindrical slide cover 33 is arranged around the pressing-side electrode 28, to catch splashes and prevent scattering during welding. The slide cover 33 is slidably held in a cylindrical fixed cover 34 equipped near the distal end portion of the pressing-side electrode 23 28, and a compression spring 35 is provided between the inner end of the slide cover 33 and the inner bottom portion of the fixed cover 34.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

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As shown in FIG. 6, the back electrode 30 is positioned to contact the outer surface of the welding portion of the mask frame 14, and the pressing-side electrode ~~23~~ 28 is faced to the inner surface of the skirt portion 13b of the mask body 13. Subsequently, the pressing-side electrode ~~23~~ 28 and the back electrode 30 of the welding head 26 are moved in the directions in which they come closer to each other.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

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By this operation, the joining portions of the skirt portion 13b and the mask frame 14 are clamped with a predetermined pressure between the pair of pressing-side electrode 28 and back electrode ~~24~~ 30. At this time, the slide cover 33 of the pressing-side electrode 28, which normally projects over the distal end of the pressing-side electrode 28, contacts the inner surface of the skirt portion 13b at the welding portion prior to the pressing-side electrode 28 during the welding. The slide cover, 33 thereby surrounds the press contact portion of the distal end of the pressing-side electrode 28, i.e., the periphery of the welding portion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

A⁵ With the welding portion thus clamped between the back electrode 30 and the pressing-side electrode 28, electricity is conducted between these electrodes to subject the skirt portion 13b and the mask frame 14 to resistance-welding. That is, a current is let flow between the pressing-side electrode 28 and the back electrode 30, and then, the blackening films as oxide films respectively formed on the surfaces of the skirt portion 13b and the mask frame 14 are broken. Thereafter, the skirt portion 13b and the mask frame 14 are welded to each other to form a welding portion called a nugget 40 41 (FIG. 3).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

A⁶ In the above embodiment, the supply device 42 for an inactive gas or a suction means for suctioning splashes is connected to the through hole 37 provided in the fixed cover 34 and the slit 38 provided in the slide cover 33. However, as shown in FIG. 8, a passage 40 43 which is opened in the outer circumferential surface near the distal end of the pressing-side electrode 28 and penetrates through the axial center part thereof to the bottom end part thereof, may be formed in the pressing-side electrode 28. This passage 40 43 may be used as a supply passage for the inactive gas or a suction passage for suctioning splashes.
